

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President McKinley's annual message was delivered to Congress on Monday. The document is quite lengthy but exceedingly interesting, treating exhaustively as it does of the momentous questions that have engaged the minds of all the world within the past year.

PEACE is a noble word when honorably attained. The people of the United States welcome it with a sense of duty performed.

An off-year in Pennsylvania is a year in which the Republican party rolls up only 100,000 or 150,000 majority. -Kansas City Journal.

ADMIRAL DEWEY started out to protect our shipping on the Pacific and the administration has backed him up in making a permanent job.

It was Weylerism and the destruction of the Maine that precipitated the war. The sorrows of Cuba, however, must have come to an end some time.

"ADMIT the bearer and one wife" is a formula of Artemas Ward that may be of some service to the next Congress in dealing with the Utah delegation.

It has been said that annexing Hawaii would burden us with an elephant. The animal is so well-behaved that the Philippines "elephant" may be expected to turn out equally well.

A SILVER paper in Utah fears that one more good crop in this country will ruin the remaining prospects of free coinage. It still has a lingering hope that the worst will not happen.

In view of the streams of gold flowing to this country the idea of a financial declaration of independence is not as fascinating a topic as it used to be around the country grocery store.

GEN. MERRITT, like Admiral Dewey, says keeping all the Philippines is a necessity of the situation. Their judgment as practical observers on the ground is better than that of Carl Schurz and Prof. Norton.

If Utah's newly elected Congressman with three wives is admitted, and the three wives visit the gallery of the House together to hear him make a speech for more per capita, his domestic responsibilities will form a strong responsibility.

"COIN" HARVEY's new lecture is entitled "A Review of Civilization, the Cause of the Decline of Republics and the Necessity of an Organization of the People of the United States to Save the Country from the Fate of Europe and Asia." This is topheavy. "A Farewell Calamity Wail" would cover the ground.

BLANCO's resignation has been accepted. He did not have courage enough to stick to his men and be in at the surrender of Havana. Perhaps if he had been at Santiago he would have sneaked out before that city fell, and have left to some subordinate the job of turning over the city to the Americans.

Persons who have lame backs from shoveling snow from their sidewalks may be interested in a recent decision by Chief Justice Blodgett, of New Hampshire. In the case of the Commonwealth versus Jackson he held that it is in contravention of the 14th amendment of the United States constitution for a municipality to pass a law requiring householders to shovel snow from the sidewalks in front of their houses.

A NEW YORK weekly newspaper has a queer idea of what it calls "unnecessary war taxes." One "oppressive tax" to which it refers is that of one cent on every ticket for a seat in a parlor or sleeping car. How the poor people groan under this oppression is only hinted at, but the burden must be tremendous.

So far as the shoveling goes it looks like good common sense if the sidewalks are a part of the public streets. But admitting that, then a property owner cannot be compelled to build or keep in repair the sidewalk in front of his property. And right here develops the best common sense. The sidewalk is as much a public thoroughfare as the middle of the street, and is dedicated to and used by the public.

If Spain had accepted the tendered friendly offices of the United States before the war it could have secured several hundred millions for Cuba and saved the Philippines and Porto Rico. The choice of war was deliberately made by the people of Spain.

THE official returns of the late election have been computed at the State Department, Harrisburg. Stone's plurality over Jenks is 117,512. The official vote for governor: William A. Stone, (Rep.) 469,834; George A. Jenks (Dem.) 352,322; Silas C. Swallow, (Pro.) 131,537.

It is a matter of no particular consequence, says the Penn's Spirit, but for the sake of accuracy, and to correct an erroneous impression that has gained general currency to the effect that Admiral Dewey is a Democrat, it may be well enough to state that the hero of Manila is a Republican, and has been one all his life.

THE case with which Mr. McKinley compelled Spain to cease dilly-dallying and accept the terms offered by this government, as soon as he himself got down to business, shows that the treaty of peace might have been signed a month ago had the administration made proper use of its power. The inference is plain that the delay was allowed because it suited the plans of the administration. -Brookville Democrat.

B'gosh! Now will you, good Mr. McKinley?

THE London Spectator says: "You can not rid the average American farmer of the idea that when silver and paper money are plenty things will be good." The average American farmer deserves a better reputation than this. He showed in the recent election that he does not think silver and paper money in abundance necessarily make good times. In that election he declared that silver and paper currency need bracing up, and that gold must be used to do the bracing.

It was the farmer's vote that saved the gold standard from assault in the next House of Representatives. If the farmer had been faithless to the cause of financial sanity the Republicans would have been beaten in the election. In the manufacturing and commercial region the Republicans lost ground. They gained ground in the agricultural districts. When the Spectator digests the recent election returns from the Western states it will have a higher opinion of the American farmer.

The Votes That Count.

Reminding citizens that if they take as much interest in candidates and political questions before elections as afterward there would be more stable government, a Chicago writer aptly says: "Voters act as if they were conferring a special favor on campaign managers by going to the registration places and calling their names. It requires constant drumming and indefatigable work to get men to register. They think that if a President is not to be elected there is no need of their walking around from their house before going to their work and registering. Yet after election when an ordinance or law is enacted which is obviously against the best interest of the community these voters who forget or neglect to register are the first to rail against rotten politics and dishonest officials." -Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

As To Shoveling Snow.

FARM WANTED—State cash and time price. ANSON H. RUSSELL, 9-21-3m. AKRON, Ohio.

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School Reports.

Table with columns: TIONESTA HIGH SCHOOL—30 MONTH. No. enrolled, Average A.C., Per cent. of Passes, etc.

PRESENT EVERY DAY: No. 6, R. N. Speer, principal—Harry Bankhead, Lester Holman, John Jamieson, Chas. Dewalt, Bruce Hagerty, Gordon Haslet, Karl Wenk, Vivian Morris, Nettie Clark, June Herman, Marie Smearbaugh.

No. 4, Ida Paup, teacher—John Ritchey, Roy Boward, Clyde Foreman, Louis Swanson, Fred Blum, Paul Clark, Frank Joyce, Newkirk Carson, Archie Holman, Earl Hunter, Altes Arner, Katie Osgood, Martha Overlander, Eva Davis, Helen Fredrikson, Mary Fredrikson, Zell Morris, Lenora Booher, Dora Setley, Maude Setley, Amanda Setley, Maude Anderson, Etta Rodgers, Blanche Buxton, Maude Grove, Alice Agnew, Goldie Hill.

No. 3, Ethel Bowman, teacher—Gertrude Hill, Russell Hopkins, Fern Bowman, Frank Armstrong, Colyn Clark, Harry Jamieson, Archie Davis, Bertha Lawrence Willie Clark, Roland Armstrong, Philip Blum, Samuel Haslet, Edward Joyce, Georgia Armstrong, Kate Arner, Edith Hopkins Bertha Vought, Grace Armstrong, Bertha McKee, Ida Anderson, Etta Swanson, Carl Carlson.

No. 2, Martha Morrow, teacher—Genevieve Dount, Mary Noble, Myranda Johnston, Ethel Clark, Maude Overlander Victoria Swanson, Myra Rodgers, Clifford Foreman, Harvey Johnston, Andrew Armstrong, Leon Clark, John Shoemaker, Louis Foreman, May Mays, Olive Childs, Sarah Carson, Belle Hood, Flossie Hotchkiss, Mary Setley, Emma Arner, Bertha Swanson, Maude Canfield, Evelyn Grove, Ethel Walter, Mildred Dean, Ruth Cunningham, John Armstrong Roy Hood, Harry Carson, George Hunter, Charles Setley, Perry Hill, Earl Knox Gilbert Hagerty, Jake Walter, George Swanson, Dallas Reck, Harrison Blum, Ray Anderson.

No. 1, Kathleen Joyce, teacher—Curtis Proper, Carl Maxwell, Nim Craig, Vivian Foreman, James Grove, Lee Thomson, Fred Clark, Chas. Carson, Chas. Weaver, Eugene Shoemaker, Arthur Armstrong, Ellsworth Armstrong, Mervyn Rogers, Geo. Ellis, Robert Huling, Benjamin Wenk, Chas. Johnston, Merritt Buxton, Ray Noble, Joseph Weaver, Douglass Ellis, Earl Salsgiver, Martha Armstrong, Nina Setley, May Bush, Hattie Fox, Hulda Charleston, Nellie Davis, Kittie Bradbury, Merle Dunn, Beulah Clark, Hazel Pones, Anna Charleston.

When you get it at Hopkins' store. If you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of piles being cured by this than all others combined. Heath & Killmer.

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Hopkins sells the clothing and shoes. Do you appreciate good laundry work? If so patronize the Dunkirk Steam Laundry. Miles & Armstrong, agents.

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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of John E. Johnson, late of Dahnring, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of said deceased have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to P. B. ANDERSON, Administrator.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUSTWORTHY persons in this state to manage our business in their own and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight \$900 a year and expenses—definite, bonafide, no more, no less salary. Monthly \$75. References. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. Herbert E. Hess, Pres., Dept. M, Chicago.

Executor's Notice.

Estate of G. C. Albach, late of Green township, deceased. Notice, whereas, letters testamentary in the above estate have been granted by the Register to the undersigned, all persons having claims against said estate will present the same duly authenticated and those owing the same are requested to make payment to—S. T. BECKWITH, Executor. Nebraska, Pa., Nov. 30, 1898.

Bank Statement.

No. 5038. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FOREST COUNTY NATIONAL BANK AT TIONESTA, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business December 1, 1898.

Table with columns: RESOURCES: Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, etc.

LIABILITIES: Capital stock paid in, Surplus fund, Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid, National bank notes outstanding, etc.

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